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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 4 and 5. These sheets, which include Figs. 4 and 5, replace the original sheets including Figs. 4 and 5. In Figs. 4 and 5, previously omitted elements chain **365**, drive sprocket
5 **375**, drive shaft **380**, and motor **385** has been added. No new matter is added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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REMARKS

Examiner Charles is thanked for the thorough examination of the subject Patent Application. The Claims have been carefully reviewed and amended, and are considered to be in condition for allowance.

5 Reconsideration of the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, of Claims 1-28 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention is requested in light of the following arguments. Claims 1, 10, and 19 are amended to define the tension adjusting device and method for “adjusting a tension of a

10 flexible power transmission means”. Claims 8, 17, and 27 are amended to limit the flexible power transmission means to a chain and a belt. The tension adjusting device is for adjusting the flexible power transmission means (chain or belt). Claims 9, 18, and 28 are cancelled and therefore their rejection is moot. Claims 2 and 12 are amended to describe the tension adjusting device being

15 “used to replace an original equipment tension adjusting device”. Claim 19 is amended to be a method for adjusting tension of a flexible power transmission means. Claim 29 is newly added to have a step of replacing an original equipment tension adjusting device. Claim 24 is amended to provide “the step of adjusting said securing nuts for locking said first and second adjustment studs”.

20 Claim 25 is amended to provide “the step of providing guide markings on the first and second adjustment plates for alignment with calibration marks of said forked

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frame member.” Claim 26 limits the step of “varying the first and second adjustment studs” for adjusting “the flexible power transmission means to a final tension.”

Reconsideration to the objection to drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) is
5 requesting in light of the following arguments. Figs. 4 and 5 have been modified with the changes marked in red on the attached drawings to. Previously omitted elements chain **365**, drive sprocket **375**, drive shaft **380**, and motor **385** have been added to Figs 4 and 5. The flexible power transmission means of claims 1, 8-10, 15, 17-19, and 27-28 are the chain **365**. The elements drive sprocket **375**,
10 drive shaft **380**, and motor **385** are added for completeness and discussed in paragraphs [0002] and [0003] and added to paragraph [0046]. Approval of these changes is requested. No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the objection to Claims 3, 7, 13, 16, and 25 because of informalities is requested in light of the following arguments. The Claims 3 and
15 13 are amended to change “comprising” to –consisting– as recommended by the Examiner. Claims 7, 16, and 20 are amended to correct the spelling of –axle– as recommended by the Examiner.

The specification has been amended to incorporate the numbering of the elements (chain **365**, drive sprocket **375**, drive shaft **380**, and the motor **385**
20 added to Figs. 4 and 5, but previously described within the specification. The

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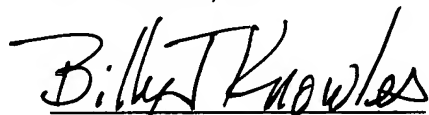
specification is further amended to correct typographic errors and omitted element numbering.

The related art references made of record and not relied upon have been reviewed and it is agreed that they do not suggest the present detailed claimed
5 invention.

The applicant acknowledges that Claims 1-28 are allowable when amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. The applicant believes that amended Claim 1-28 and newly added Claim 29 are now allowable and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance for all
10 claims be issued in this case.

It is requested that should Examiner Charles not find that the Claims are now allowable, that the undersigned be called at (845) 331-3866 to overcome any problems preventing allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,
BK Patents, Inc.



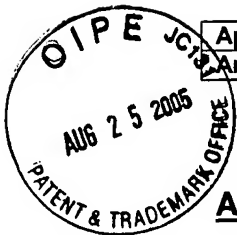
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Appendix

Drawing Replacement Drawing Sheet(s)



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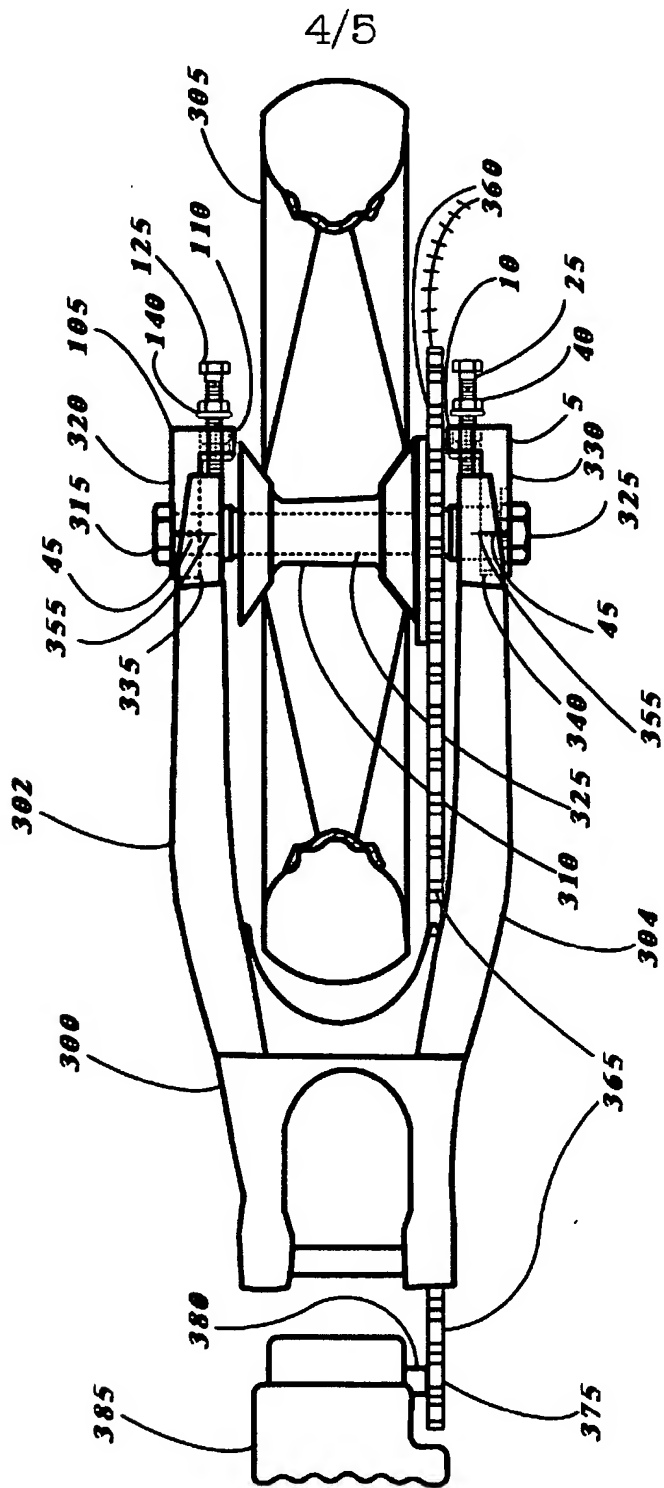


Fig. 4

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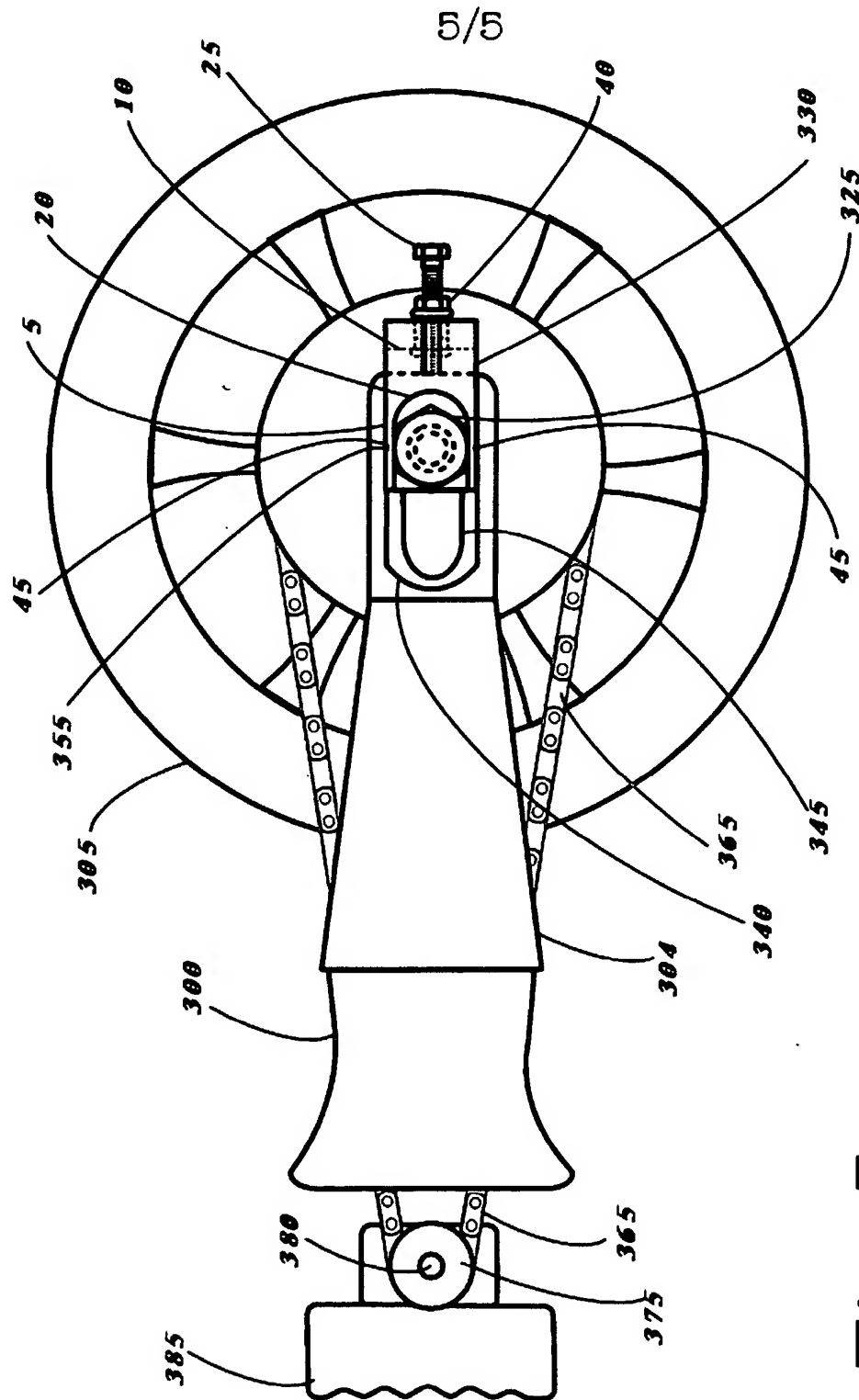


Fig. 5